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Run
to the
window!

**QUICK
MESSAGE**

**SEPTEMBER
MEN'S WALK**

**STILL NEEDS
PILGRIMS**

**OCTOBER
WOMEN'S WALK
NEEDS
PILGRIMS**

**SHARE SPECIAL
MUSIC AT THE
DECEMBER
GATHERING**

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Jazz from Jim

I'd never ridden on a real train until recently. We were going to attend a family reunion near Athens, Ohio during the week-end and decided to go a day early so we could make a little family trip out of it. A newspaper ad for a local historic train ride, not too far from Athens, caught our attention. It sounded like fun, so we decided to check it out. The train was operated by the Hocking Valley Scenic Railway. We bought our tickets at the station then headed towards the tracks. The engine of the huge locomotive was already humming and somehow seemed anxious to go. We boarded a 1920's vintage coach car and not long after, the conductor came by. He punched our tickets and soon afterward a loud blast of the horn sounded and we were on our way.

The ride was both nostalgic and fun but left us very appreciative of our modern modes of transportation. I had no idea how much those things rock back and forth while click-clacking along the tracks. Each time we neared a crossing, the engineer would sound the horn to give warning of our approach. Being a late evening ride, the sun had set for the return trip. There was very little to see in the darkness as we moved along the tracks, passing through several small country towns along the way. At night, the illuminated windows of the small farm houses stood out. One home in particular caught my eye. The

train's horn had sounded our approach and as we passed by the little house near the tracks, two small figures quickly appeared in the open window. It was a young boy and girl, probably two to four years old, wearing their pajamas. They stared in amazement as the train roared by. The light surrounding the window was enough to make visible the thrill and excitement on their little faces. The loud blast of the horn had alerted them to the train's presence. They dropped whatever they were doing, rushed to the window and took in the excitement of the moment. This brief incident reminded me of the scripture, *"Let the little children come to Me, ... for of such is the kingdom of heaven"* (Matthew 19:14).

We all lead very busy lives and often forget to take time to enjoy the small things. Don't let the things that really don't matter, distract you from the ones

that do. The most meaningful events in life often pass by quickly, DON'T MISS THEM! Colorful flowers wilt too fast, precious children grow up too quickly and elderly loved ones leave us way too soon. Make sure you RUN to the window of life and take in the excitement of those meaningful moments before they pass you by. Enjoy God's blessings today.

Please remember to pray for the upcoming Walks. The team for the September walk is already hard at work and the women's team is being formed right now. Keep our Lay Directors in your prayers as well. We need applications so please consider sponsoring someone for the walks. This is a wonderful community and everyone's service is greatly appreciated.

God Bless and De Colores,

Jim



Tabor Talk

WOW!

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The Importance of "Wow!"

"O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made. I see the stars and hear the rolling thunder. Thy power throughout the universe displayed." The words of this classic and very familiar hymn have been echoing repeatedly in the concert hall of my mind these past few weeks. I can almost hear the deep baritone voice of George Beverly Shea as he belts out the chorus of this famous hymn that has become the signature hymn of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The very phrase which has caught my attention so much these days is the phrase "in awesome wonder."

When was the last time you sat out in the backyard of your home and looked at the night sky in "awesome wonder," considering all the worlds that God's hands have made? Have you ever done so? It is my suspicion that unless prompted to do so by someone other than your spouse you would have to answer that question with an emphatic "No!" If you said that, you would not be alone.

We have lost the amazing ability to wonder. Everything is and must be explained to us in full if we are to believe it. Socrates, perhaps the most famous philosopher of all time, once said that philosophy begins with wonder. One of my constant suggestions for students who want to begin to understand philosophy in a very practical way is to re-cultivate their sense of wonder.

The other day I heard a new dad rave about his child's sense of wonder. He commented that the baby's first intelligible word was, "Wow!" It did not matter what the situation was. With every new discovery - a new taste, a new color, a new sound - the child would say, "Wow!" In your own experience, isn't that very thing true? But somewhere between the ages of six and sixteen, something happens. We tend to lose our sensation of "Wow!" We lose our quest for the wonder of it all. The tendency is for us to become jaded and bitter.

This becomes very obvious when we compare the attitudes of a brand new Christ-follower with an old-time Christian. Just listen to a new convert pray. It is so refreshing. They are concerned that they are "saying the right words in the right way and at the right time", but the beauty of their prayers is the simplicity: "Dear Lord, this is Jim... you know the one who met you just the other day..."

One of the best challenges to me to see the importance of "Wow!" is found in the book of Lamentations. As Jeremiah the prophet is watching his hometown Jerusalem go up in flames before his very eyes, he is tempted to take the negative route and complain about everything. While he does his share of complaining and lamenting the destruction of the holy city, he comes out on top when he says, "The Lord's loving kindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. *They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness*" (Lamentations 3:22-23). Here we see that the prophet is not interested in becoming calloused to what God is doing. He is offering on the contrary an invitation to every one of us to "Wow!" every day, to see His compassions and His mercies as brand new and exciting events every day. He encourages you and me to see that sunrise as if we have never before seen a sunrise, to observe Him working in the lives of men as though it were the first time we had ever seen it.

Last weekend, my bride and I had the wonderful opportunity to watch our oldest granddaughter for an overnight adventure. She came home with us and we were going to keep her and take her back to her Mom and Dad the next day. The little girl seemed a little fussy as we brought her through the front door to our home, so my bride, in her motherly-instinctive way, suggested that we give her a bath. At the very expression of the word "bath", our little girl changed her countenance and her whole outlook. As she played for a while in the tub, she began to enjoy the set of little rubber ducks that we had bought for her to play with in the tub. With each duck, she would utter the word, "Wow!" Even though she had played with the ducks many times before, this time was just like the first.

That is exactly the way that God wants us to respond to life - with a "Wow!" no matter what transpires with each passing moment. He wants to make George Beverly Sheas out of every one of us. Above all, He wants us not to lose our sense of awesome wonder. He wants us to see His hand in every event, every encounter, every sight, and every word of every day, and He wants us to respond with a wonderful and wild and loud sense of "Wow!"

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee: "How great Thou Art!"

God bless...

Chuck Tabor

Men's Walk #51—Pilgrim List *(as of 8/25)*

Pilgrim Name	Hometown	Sponsor	Live-In Team	Position
James Hart	Lynchburg	Cindy Hart	Larry Roberts	Lay Director
Royce Lowe	Sabina	John Harner	Jerry Quigley	Ass't Lay Director
Jeff Meyer	Hillsboro	Maurice Mitchell	Mike Daugherty	Ass't Lay Director
Arthur Peterson	Wilmington	Richard D Ellis	Bob Erwin	Ass't Lay Director
Allen Williams	Fayetteville	Jim & Mary Jane West	Maurice Mitchell	Spiritual Director
Keith Young	Sabina	Dennis Mattingly & Doug Newman	Calvin Martin	Ass't Spiritual Dir.
The Goose Story by Dr. Harry Clarke Noyes ARCS NEWS, Vol. 7, No. 1, January 1992 -Presented Feb 1992 - Eulogy for a colleague			Jim West	Board Representative
<p>In the fall when you see geese heading south for the winter flying along in the "V" formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way.</p> <p>It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. Quite similar to people who are part of a team and share a common direction get where they are going quicker and easier, because they are traveling on the trust of one another and lift each other up along the way.</p> <p>Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go through it alone and quickly gets back into formation to take advantage of the power of the flock. If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation and share information with those who are headed the same way that we are going.</p> <p>When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose takes over. It pays to share leadership and take</p>			John Glaze	Music Director
			Rusty Staten	Ass't Music Director
			Randy Riley	A/V Tech
			Bob Brown	Table Leader
			Jim Cross	Table Leader
			Mike Harris	Table Leader
			Mark Henize	Table Leader
			Cliff Klutts	Table Leader
			Greg Scott	Table Leader
			David Davenport	Ass't Table Leader
			Jim Watson	Ass't Table Leader
			Russell Jordan	Ass't Table Leader
			Herschel Parker	Ass't Table Leader
			Johnnie Wass	Ass't Table Leader
Larry Wiley	Ass't Table Leader			

turns doing hard jobs.

The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep their speed. Words of support and inspiration help energize those on the front line, helping them to keep pace in spite of the day-to-day pressures and fatigue. It is important that our honking be encouraging. Otherwise it's just - well, honking!

Finally, when a goose gets sick or is wounded by a gunshot and falls out, two geese fall out of the formation and follow the injured one down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to fly or until he is dead, and then they launch out with another formation to catch up with their group. When one of us is down, it's up to the others to stand by us in our time of trouble. If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other when things get rough. We will stay in formation with those headed where we want to go.

The next time you see a formation of geese, remember their message that "IT IS INDEED A REWARD, A CHALLENGE AND A PRIVILEGE TO BE A CONTRIBUTING MEMBER OF A TEAM"

This oft-told story is an Emmaus favorite. How often we forget the importance of teamwork, whether you serve on a live-in team, or serve for a few hours by carrying luggage, preparing or serving meals, cleaning restrooms or attend candlelight or closing, you are a CRUCIAL PART of the Walk to Emmaus TEAM and the walk could not take place without YOU! Remember what Jesus said about the parts of the body!



Walk to
Emmaus
THE UPPER ROOM

Wilmington Area Walk to Emmaus
Wilmington United Methodist Church
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SEE YOU AT THE GATHERING!
September 14
Singing starts at 6:45pm
Bring a snack to share afterwards—
when Emmaus meets, EMMAUS EATS!
Don't forget to wear your NAME TAG!
This helps everyone to learn your
name much more quickly!

REUNION! MEN'S WALK #49 will be having a ONE YEAR reunion at 6:00pm on September 14 in the Youth Lounge prior to the Gathering.

MUSIC FOR GATHERINGS

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<u>MONTH</u>	<u>SPECIAL MUSIC</u>	<u>PIANO</u>	<u>SONG LEADER</u>
SEPTEMBER	Cliff Klutts	Carl Guenther	Ed Ramey
OCTOBER	Ed Ramey	Jennie Harner	Brenda Armstrong
NOVEMBER	Brenda Armstrong	John Glaze	Chuck Tabor
DECEMBER	*see below*	Lynn Lowell	Bronwyn Jones

Planning ahead! Do you have musical talent you would be willing to share with the Emmaus Community? As you can see, the months are filling up. We typically have two music specials at a Gathering and need a song leader and an accompanist. Although "piano" is listed, we can have guitar accompaniment...or any other instrument able to lead group singing.

The **December Gathering** is a musical celebration of the coming birth of Jesus. We sing several Christmas carols, share a short meditation and communion. However the rest is all music. With regard to specials, to avoid duplication, it's "first come, first served." In other words, the first person who registers their song is the person who will present it.

To volunteer for a monthly Gathering or for the December Christmas Gathering, contact JENNIE HARNER at 937-987-2518 or harnersewing@yahoo.com.

Interested in learning more about accompanying when you only have chords or a "fake" sheet? Jennie and John are willing to host a **MUSICIAN'S WORKSHOP** if there is sufficient interest. Contact Jennie Harner (information above) if you're interested!